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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/538,997; Filed: February 8, 2006
For: **N-(Substituted Arylmethyl)-4-(Disubstituted Methyl) Piperidines and
Piperazines**
Inventors: Ping Ding *et al.*
Our Ref: 2400.1070003/VLC/CMB

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$630.00 to cover: \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement Fee; and \$450.00 Two (2) Month Extension of Time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO/SB/08A listing four (4) cited documents;
6. Copies of two (2) of the four (4) cited documents (FP1-FP2); and
7. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

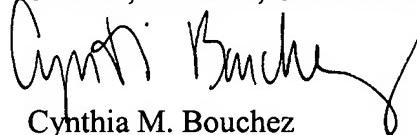
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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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